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### Evergreen Man Dies in Mobile Home Fire

**AVOYELLES PARISH-** State Fire Marshal deputies continue investigating a mobile home fire in the Evergreen area that claimed the life of a disabled male resident.

Around 12:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 12, the Goudeau Fire Department responded to a report of a mobile home fire located in the 3300 block of Highway 361 in the Evergreen area. Upon arrival, firefighters learned there may be someone still inside of the structure. Unfortunately, the body of a male victim was discovered.

While identification and cause of death are pending with the Avoyelles Parish Coroner's Office, the victim is believed to be the 45-year-old disabled homeowner.

After an assessment of the scene and collecting witness statements, SFM deputies determined the fire began on the same side of the home where the victim was located. At this time, deputies have been unable to rule out the possibility of unsafe smoking practices or an electrical malfunction as a potential contributing factor to the cause of this fire.

In addition, while deputies were able to confirm the presence of smoke alarms, it is believed that the victim's disability presented a challenge in escaping safely.

The SFM stresses, in addition to ensuring your home has working smoke alarms, that you and your family have a practiced home escape plan. This escape plan should include instinctively knowing two ways out of every room in your home and having a safe meeting place outside of the home for everyone to report to and call 911.

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